

The Good Shepherd

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Sunday 12th + DIVINE MERCY

Sunday 12 April	9.30 am	DIVINE MERCY (OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER)	Michael Mackenzie [A]
Monday 13 April		St Martin I, Pope and Martyr	
Tuesday 14 April		Weekday of Easter	
Wednesday 15 April	12noon	Weekday of Easter	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Thursday 16 April		Weekday of Easter	
Friday 17 April		Weekday of Easter	
Saturday 18 April	10.00am	Weekday of Easter	Nov Dead List 2025/26
Sunday 19 April	09.30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Missa pro populo

Sunday Mass Times - Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Sowerby Bridge | Saturday 5-30pm | Sunday 11am
St Mary's Halifax | 9-30am & 11am | St Alban's - 6pm

PARISH NEWSLETTER Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PARISH OFFERING Total SO (59) (2026) **£2078.50** If you wish to set up a standing order:
Good Shepherd - Sort Code 40-27-15 - Account No. 21023209

05/04/2026 Week 1 Total £175.85 | WK52 CO £0.00 |

BANKED – 07 APRIL 2026 - £325.00 | WK1 CO £4.75 Thank you for your support.

EASTER COLLECTION thank you for your Easter offering. Your kindness, expressed so thoughtfully, is received as a sign of your care for your priest. With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUNCHEON CLUB reopen after our two-week Easter break on **Wednesday 15 April 2026.**

THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS, HALLAM AND MIDDLESBROUGH His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Marcus Stock as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hallam. This is in addition to his ministry as Bishop of Leeds and his current role as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. The Holy Father has invited you the faithful of the dioceses of Middlesbrough, Hallam and Leeds to undertake an important task in helping the

bishop. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/bishops-message-to-the-dioceses-of-hallam-leeds-and-middlesbrough/>

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - further action needed - take 30 seconds to stop assisted suicide from being forced into law. Right To Life UK has made an EasyAction tool to email your MP asking them to oppose attempts to force assisted suicide into law by bypassing the House of Lords. Visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026 to ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law.

FLOWER FUND ROTA 2026

03 May – Agnes | 10 May – Janet Almond

17 May – Maureen and Frank Flynn | 24 May – Jeanette and David Marsh

31 May – Sheila Pickles

DANCING IN YOUR SEATS a seated dance class for those who prefer a gentler way to exercise, every Friday (Excluding Good Friday 03 April)

10.00 - 10.40am. Come along or book a place with Laura on 0785 2971044

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE Thanks to all who attended and donated so generously to raise **£370.00** of which **£232.00** was Gift Aided which will add to that total. This will help fund WDP projects run by Christian charities throughout the world. Anne Plunkett

AD MULTOS ANNOS to our jubilarian (Ruby) - **Rev Mgr. Paul Owens** a retired priest associated with the Diocese of Leeds, Halifax Deanery, and formerly affiliated with the Roman Catholic Bishopric of the Forces (GB) *Ad multos annos* is a Latin phrase meaning "towards many years" or "for many years". It is a traditional celebratory acclamation, used to wish someone a long and fruitful life, often sung in Catholic and Orthodox traditions on anniversaries. Mgr. Owens will join us to celebrate 40yrs of Holy Priesthood on **Sunday 5 July at 11am**. Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Sowerby Bridge. All welcome.

SACRED HEART School Places please contact the school if you would like an appointment with the headteacher contact the school office on 01422 831360

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com >> join the team

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE On Saturday 16 May 2026, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their

families celebrating - (Silver), (Ruby), (Golden), (Diamond) and (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part, please fill out the application form below and send it to the Bishop's Secretary: Miss Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Rd, Leeds, LS6 2BR or Email it to: bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, by **Friday 1 May 2026**

Please complete the following:

Wife's First Name:

Wife's Surname:

Wife's Maiden name:

Husband's First Name:

Husband's Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Date of Marriage:

Place of Marriage:

(Please include the name, town and county of the church in which you were married)

RESEARCH STUDY ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

A research project is currently being undertaken by Simon Gibson as part of his MSc in Building Surveying at the University of the Built Environment (formerly UCEM). The study explores the perception of beauty in church architecture and how this may influence the spiritual experience of the faithful, and the wider public.

You are invited to take part by completing a short online questionnaire. Your participation would be greatly valued, and you are also encouraged to share the survey with others—whether clergy, members of your congregation, family, or friends.

The questionnaire can be accessed here:

<https://forms.gle/byxFG6a3w3hyKNqMA>

For any enquiries about the research, Simon Gibson is very happy to assist and can be contacted at:

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